

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 727  
INFO USMISSION USUN IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, UNSC, SO, ET  
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL ACTION ON HORN

REF: A) STATE 65221, B) LIBREVILLE 0636

1. WHILE I SHALL OF COURSE DEFER TO DEPARTMENT WISHES,  
I SUGGEST WE HOLD FIRE ON ANY FURTHER APPROACH PER  
REFTEL (A) TO BONGO FOR TIME BEING IN LIGHT MY CONVER-  
SATION WITH HIM REPORTED REFTEL (B).

2. BONGO IS CLEARLY EXPECTING NIGERIANS TO CARRY  
BALL FOR OAU, BUT JUST AS CLEARLY INDICATED HIS WILL-  
INGNESS TO AGREE TO REFERRING MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL  
IF NIGERIANS AND/OR OAU STUMBLED. HE IS CERTAINLY  
COGNIZANT OF DANGER OF REPRISALS, OF NEED FOR CEASE-FIRE  
AND NEED TO ENFORCE RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTE-  
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GRITY. HE SEES MERIT IN OBSERVER PROPOSAL AND  
SUPPORTS CONCEPT OF UN-LED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.  
WHILE IT WAS NOT PERFECTLY CLEAR HOW MUCH OF THIS WAS  
CONVEYED TO LEADER OF NIGERIA DELEGATION HERE FOR  
RENOVATION DAY, WE CAN MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS HIS  
EXPECTATION THAT NIGERIANS MOVE ALONG AND AT LEAST  
SOME OF HIS CONCERNS WERE IN FACT PASSED ON.

3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT SEEMS TO BE PREFERABLE  
HOLD OFF ON BONGO UNTIL DEVELOPMENTS IN LAGOS BECOME  
CLEARER, THEN BE PREPARED TO GO BACK TO HIM SHOULD  
THIS BE DEEMED USEFUL, I.E., IF NIGERIANS SEEM TO BE  
DRAGGING THEIR FEET, OR IF MEETING IS LIKELY BE  
LONG DELAYED BECAUSE OF ETHIOPIANS. HIS SENSI-  
TIVITY TO DESIRABILITY OF OAU ACTING FIRST MAY VERY  
WELL THEN BE TEMPERED AND HE COULD THEN PROVE USEFUL IN  
SUSTAINING MOMENTUM WE DESIRE.TIENKEN

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